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The women's team defeated Xavier this weekend in their first dual meet; **PAGE 5**

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Flag honors National Guard Unit

By Chuck Soder
CITY NEWS EDITOR

The flag that flew from the state capitol building on the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks will now hang in the National Guard Armory, thanks to U.S. Rep. Paul Gilmore.

Gilmore gave the flag to the 148th Infantry of the National Guard yesterday to honor them for their year-long stint of service, ending Aug. 31.

Gilmore, the Republican incumbent facing Democrat Roger Anderson and Independent John Green in the Nov. 5 election, reminded the soldiers of just how important they are.

"A lot of people don't appreciate the sacrifices you make," Gilmore said to the guard mem-

bers. "We couldn't perform all these worldwide missions without a guard unit."

Having someone of Gilmore's stature honor the unit's hard work means a lot to the guard members, according to Capt. Stewart Orr.

"Others forget," Orr said. "He didn't."

As a part of Operation Noble Eagle, the unit was stationed in Fort Knox last October to tighten homeland security after September's terrorist attacks. The unit has more than 160 members — 25 percent of which are students.

These guard members — like others in the military — hold the flag in high esteem, according to Capt. Kevin Lochtefeld.

"It is extensively symbolic to

soldiers," he said. "They take the displaying of the flag very professionally."

Gilmore honored the soldiers' families, too.

"There's a lot of stress on families as well," he said.

Lochtefeld agreed that recognizing soldiers' relatives is important.

"Sometimes [our] families are forgotten — families are a critical piece," he said.

Gilmore chose to give this unit the flag because it was the first in the area to be called to duty. The fact that they were first, points to their skill, he added.

"The first units activated are those who are best trained, best prepared," he said.

They furthered their training during their service in Fort Knox.

There, guard members were trained as part of a quick-reaction force meant to respond to an attack within a half hour's notice.

With the possible war on Iraq on the horizon, area National Guard units should be ready to serve, according to Gilmore.

"[Area units] could be called if we do have another national emergency, even short of war," he said.

Even if the United States goes to war with Iraq, the 148th Infantry — which wasn't called on during the Gulf War — probably won't be called on again, according to Lochtefeld.

"It's important that we always prepare," he said. "But I'm not worried about it."



Chris Scholler BG News

CEREMONY: Paul Gilmore made an appearance yesterday to honor the 148th Infantry of the National Guard.

TRICK OR TREAT



Chris Scholler BG News

HALLOWEEN: Emily Campbell, a senior at BGSU, handed candy out in Offenhour Monday. Residence halls were open to trick or treaters.

Latta promotes higher education

By Kara Hull
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Learning doesn't stop once you graduate, according to State Representative Robert Latta.

Latta, a University graduate, stressed the importance of educating his colleagues about higher education issues with members from the Faculty Senate yesterday.

"We wanted to get the candidates from local districts to come talk to us about higher education and funding for higher education," Andrew Schocket, history professor and a member of the Faculty Senate said. "This is a very important issue for us."

Living in Bowling Green, Latta

has an advantage to become familiar with the needs of the University. But for other legislators, the process of becoming educated on the objectives and happenings of the University requires much more effort.

"By being here and having been here all my life I know what's going on in the University pretty intimately, but unfortunately for many people it's a continuous educational process," Latta said. "We've got to keep the whole notion of why we have state schools."

According to Latta, becoming educated about the concerns of



Ben Swanger BG News

ISSUE: Representative Robert Latta familiarizes himself with the University and higher education issues. He encouraged his colleagues to do the same.

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Sidewalk project will be complete this spring

By Andrew Scharf
REPORTER

The University has added a new sidewalk on Alumni Drive for students walking to Lot 6.

The pouring of the sidewalk is completed except for a small section. The rest of that construction is about 90 percent complete. The University also plans to plant 45 trees and place six benches along the path. There are also three pedestrian crosswalks with north-south sidewalks between Alumni Drive and the new sidewalk. The street light and emergency phone will also be relocated.

"One reason was for safety," Bob Waddle, assistant vice president of capital planning, said. "A lot of students, particularly in the winter would walk down the road to avoid walking in the snow."

The sidewalk is part of a series of repairs and additions

being made to the sidewalks on campus. The University is currently widening the north side of the Anderson Arena sidewalk.

"The entire project will be done next spring," Marc Brunner, project coordinator for the Office of Design and Construction, said. "The work on Alumni Drive and Anderson Arena will be done in about three weeks." *

Other elements of the project include putting in an east-west sidewalk on the East Mall. The East Mall is located between Harshman and Kreischer where the pond was drained. A repair will also be made to the courtyard sidewalk at Mac West, but that project won't be started until summer break.

The idea for the sidewalk has been around for over three

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Panel discussion held on sniper arrests

By Jennifer Palicka
REPORTER

Last night at 7 p.m. in West Hall, sponsored by the Department of Journalism and the Public Relations Student Society, four panelists, discussed the roles of the media and law enforcement in the sniper arrests.

Before the panel started discussing, a brief video was played of the events that led to the capture of the two men suspected in the sniper shootings. The video concluded that the two men were the snipers because the gun found in the car was the same one used to shoot 11 of the 13 victims.

Two panelists were from law enforcement fields, and the other two were from media fields. The discussion was led by a mediator who asked questions to the panelists, who then answered. The panelists were Frank Styles, Lucas County Chief Investigator, Capt.

Ronald Span of the Toledo Police Department, Joselyn Mose, senior telecommunications student and Bob Jones, WTOL court and crime reporter.

The role the media and law enforcement played during the search for the sniper was addressed in different ways by the panelists. Styles believes that the media and law enforcement should be a marriage, like any marriage, they have problems.

"There are things that the media should not have knowledge of, we don't want the suspects to know what the police are doing," Styles said.

He continued with talking about how police need information that only the suspect would know and if the media lets this information out to the public, the police would have to deal with copycats.

Span believes that the media

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Cloudy
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Low: 32°

THURSDAY



Mostly Cloudy
High: 41°
Low: 27°

FRIDAY



Few Snow Showers
High: 41°
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SATURDAY



Snow Showers
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Low: 27°

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Higher education remains priority

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higher education institutions should be one of the primary responsibilities of a state legislator.

"If a legislator doesn't want to do something, then that legislator is not doing his job," he said. "We're invited to different things all the time, but I think that the priority has to be given to higher education for people to show them what's happening."

One cause of the lack of knowl-

edge about higher educational needs is the relatively quick change of faces in state government—dubbed "terminance."

"The Universities have to help in the education process now because everybody is a short-term now," Latta said. "Everywhere I go I preach the Gospel that everyone has to be on the road to Columbus because [legislators] are going to be gone all the time."

According to Latta, not all

states experience such a quick turnaround.

"Ohio is one of the leaders in terminance," Latta said. "It's in the constitution and that's it."

Changing this system to allow legislators to become more familiar with higher education issues, Latta says, is not in the near future.

"The only way it's going to be changed is by ballot issue and I don't see that happening," Latta said. "Everybody is out now that

has been there for at least eight years."

According to Latta, many incoming legislators are too focused on the main issue that got them elected.

"It's getting them off of the idea that they are a one-issue legislator now," Latta said. "Groups are coming in that say 'I've got my blinders on and I can't see down the road to do anything except this one area.'"

Latta said those who ignore

higher education funding have blinders on, too.

"We could spend all this money on primary and secondary (education), but what good is it going to do us on the next level?"

The budget for the fiscal year of 2002-2003 set at \$45 billion is the largest budget ever to hit Ohio.

According to Latta, 39.7 percent goes toward primary and secondary education while only 13.5 percent benefits higher

education.

Educating legislators about the importance of higher education funding is something that can aid the country in the future.

"Education is an investment, not a cost," Neocles Leontis, chemistry professor and the vice-chair of Faculty Senate, said. "We know that when people are better educated, they're not as prone to get laid off, they tend to stay in a job and pay more taxes because they have higher incomes."

Media and law officials remain professional about coverage debate

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and law enforcement should use each other to their advantage.

"I need to develop a trust with the media so I know I can tell them things that is needed for a story. But at the same time I can't play favorites," Span said.

If Span played favorites he would end up getting hurt because when he needs help from the media, the people that he didn't help won't help him.

Both Span and Mose got tired of seeing all the publicity that came from the sniper attacks. But, Mose thought that was what the American public wanted to

hear, especially after a poll was sent out and the majority of the people said they did want to see the coverage.

Jones was not tired of the coverage, he said it was fascinating.

"I wanted to find out what the conversations were between the sniper and the police," he said. "I do believe the media is guilty of going overboard, though."

As a reporter, Jones was able to understand the frustration of the reporters that weren't told what they wanted to hear. With Chief Moose's press conferences, it was evident that the police were holding something back, but they did it for a reason, Span said.

Students were present at the discussion, some came on their own while others came for a class. Audrey Weber, Journalism major, came on her own, but was persuaded by her teacher.

"They [the panelists] said a lot of valid things. I liked how they had different people with different viewpoints," Weber said. "Some of the people were a little shady, they didn't want to step on anyone's toes, but Ron was straight forward, I enjoyed him."

Meredith Campbell, University student was required to go for class. She agrees with the fact that not everyone said exactly what they had on their mind,

"Personally, I didn't honestly believe them when the two media and two police men said they cooperate with each other all the time. It defeated the purpose of having a panel."

Campbell didn't like the fact that there really was no debate, "I understand they were being professional, and I appreciated it, but it made me a little bored."

Whether it was boring because there was no debate, or enjoying to listen to the different panelists talk, the idea that came across was that the media and law enforcement do work together and they accomplish a lot when it is done right.

Student opens fire in Arizona

By Arthur H. Rotstein
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — A student flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school shot three of his professors to death Monday, then killed himself as dozens of terrified students rushed to get away.

Police said Robert Flores Jr., 41, specifically targeted the instructors, killing one in her office on the second floor and shooting the others in a fourth-floor classroom as students dove for cover.

Flores walked to the front of the classroom and shot the first victim several times, then went to the back of the room and killed the second victim, police said.

Senior Julie Raymond said she was taking an exam when the gunman came in.

"We just thought that he was late for the test," Raymond said. "Then he started talking to instructors and fired shots. All of us ducked under the tables and then ran out of the room. At first, I thought it was a joke and realized it wasn't when I heard the shots."

Flores told students in the room to leave. He was later found dead by officers searching the school.

University Vice Provost Elizabeth Irvin said Flores had failed a pediatric nursing class and was struggling in a critical care class.

Bomb squad members were called in after a backpack or package was found underneath the gunman's body. The suspect had threatened to blow up the building, though it was unclear when the threat was made, police said. The college and nearby buildings were evacuated.

More than six hours later, authorities were still checking for explosives.

The victims — Robin Rogers, 50, Barbara Monroe, 45, and Cheryl McGaffic, 44 — all were Flores' instructors, Police Chief Richard Miranda said.

"It's too soon to say why he committed this terrible deed," Miranda said. "We have determined that there are many issues in Mr. Flores' life, all of which are a factor."

Sidewalk project delay due to many factors

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years. USG started pushing for the completion of a sidewalk last February. The contract was put through and the construction on the sidewalk began this month.

"It's something that is long

overdue," Sarah Saccany, USG president, said. "I think it is a real safety issue for students going to and coming from their cars in lot 6."

There were many factors responsible for the delay in start-

ing the sidewalk. The University has to prioritize what improvements to make using the money allocated by the state.

"We try to prioritize our projects as best as we can," Waddle said.

With the addition of the sidewalk, the University plans to lobby the city for a crosswalk. The crosswalk would be similar to the one on Thurston Ave. The crosswalk would run across Mercer to Alumni Drive.

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ANTI-WAR PROTESTORS FILL DOWNTOWN D.C.

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - As many as 150,000 protesters, about 60 of them Athens residents and Ohio University students, marched around the White House to protest military strikes against Iraq. The march, organized by the group International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) began with a three-hour rally near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Timeless: A Continuum of Art in the Digital Age
Union Galleries

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Delta Sigma Pi
Union

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Gregory Little Taxonomy: The Body w/o Organs
Kennedy Green Room

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
N-SPACE
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Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Gospel Choir Ticket Sales
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
LDSSA
Information Table
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Gospel Choir
Union

10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
History Society
Informational Table
Union

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Air Force ROTC
Recruiting
Union

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dance Marathon Raffle
Prizes include room costs for one

semester.
Union Lobby

3:30 p.m.
Europe and United Kingdom Informational Session
This is a general informational session about education abroad opportunities in Europe and the United Kingdom.
1103 Offenbauer West

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale
Union Lobby

6 p.m.
Friends and Family Invited to Attend Disney Presentation
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gram and meet our wonderful family. Hope to see you there! The BGSU Walt Disney World College Program Team.
Olscamp Hall Room 113

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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7 p.m.
Society of Success and Leadership Meeting
The Society of Success and leadership will hold its first general meeting today.
Union Building Room 316

7 p.m.
The Society of Success and Leadership
Sponsored by Orientation & First Year Programs.
Union 316, Alumni Meeting Room

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Academic Planning Team Open Discussion
The Academic Planning Team and

President Ribeau invite all members of the campus community to participate in the open forums scheduled to discuss preliminary themes identified by the team for the university's future directions.
Union 314-Buckeye
Telesystem/CPS Meeting Room

8 p.m.
Jazz Guitar Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Free and open to the public.
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Amazing Stargazing
Amazing Stargazing & Saving the Night (the joys of skywatching!) multi-media show in the Planetarium \$1 donation suggested.
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9:30 p.m.
UAO Movie: "Signs"
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Union Theatre

THE CAMPUS BLOTTER

Friday, Oct. 25:

Quinn M. Lawrence was cited for failure to use turn signal at E. Wooster and criminal falsification of identification. A court date has been set for Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.

Justin Webster of Bowling Green was cited for speeding on Poe Rd. A court date has been set for Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Four vehicles were damaged while parked in Lot 6.

A fire extinguisher was found in Lot 11.

A vehicle was damaged in Lot 12.

Complainant reported her cell phone was lost.

James Hanna of Bowling Green was backing from a parking space in Lot 7 and did not see Rachel Elliot of Northwood in her vehicle and struck it causing a dent to Elliot's vehicle and no damage to Hanna's vehicle.

Complainant reported her wallet was missing in Chapman.

A vehicle parked in Lot 12 was broken into, the CD player and a radar detector were stolen.

A student was transported from Founders to Wood County Hospital for

a possible diabetic reaction.

Complainant reported that unknown persons attempted to break into his vehicle in Lot 6 by way of the driver's window.

Saturday, Oct. 26:

Complainant reported that a subject in Bromfield had, what looked to him, like a real gun. It turned out to be a Pellet gun and was confiscated by the officer.

A fire alarm in Founders went off and campus police found out that someone set off a fire extinguisher.

Custodial was informed to clean it up.

Campus police advised a subject was transported from Conklin to the Wood County Hospital Emergency Room by the Bowling Green Fire Department for possible alcohol poisoning.

Complainant reported unknown person(s) expelled a fire extinguisher all over her vehicle while parked in Lot J.

The smell of marijuana was reported in Bromfield Hall. The students consented to a search of the room. Nothing was found.

A vehicle, driven by Benjamin

Kettinger of Bowling Green, accidentally side swiped the parked, unoccupied vehicle of Richard Kahler of Perrysburg, Ohio.

Ohio State Patrol contacted campus police via radio to meet at the Phi Delta Theta house. Evidently someone pointed what appeared to be a gun at the trooper. A suspect was located and charged by the State Patrol unit.

A resident advisor in McDonald East Hall was having trouble getting identification from some people walking around with beer. Dustin L. Keller and Alan D. Carlson were cited for

underage consumption. Court dates for both were set for Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.

A license plate was reported stolen off of a vehicle while it was parked in Lot 6.

Complainant reported that numerous games and other items were stolen from her room in Founders this weekend.

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"We, as blacks, have to let the movie studios know that when he is wrong, we're willing to speak out for ourselves."

JAMES STERN, chief executive of the National Association of Cosmetologists, on asking the Rev. Jesse Jackson to apologize for demanding an apology from the makers of the movie "Barbershop." (newsweek.com)

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OPINION

UT students upset with mascot

Last year when we updated Freddie and Frieda, not everyone was impressed with our new mascots. Some said they were scary, others thought they were too animated.

Well, if you thought that was bad, wait until you see the University of Toledo's new rocket mascot. If any of you go to Toledo for the football game next month, you will have the plea-

sure of seeing Rocky the Rocket in his first football season. The revamped rocket made his debut this past Sept. to horrible reviews.

"Is this a joke? What was wrong with Rocket Man? Did George Lucas sue because he looked too much like Boba Fett?" asked Sgt. Keith Lane of the UT Police Department.

"How drunk were the people who thought of that costume?" Dan McDermott, a UT senior,

wants to know.

"So what does this new mascot look like?" you want to know. Well, we'll try our best to describe it, but no words will do it justice. It is basically a big, rubber blue rocket with a yellow ball cap turned side-ways and a crooked smile, only a mother could love.

The person wearing the costume's feet are dangling from the bottom as he waddles around like a penguin. Many UT students have compared it to things

we dare not say in the paper.

People are afraid it is going to give children nightmares.

Four hundred seventy-four people voted on whether they liked the new mascot. Eighty-eight percent voted no.

This is a good thing for us here at Bowling Green State University.

"I am a 53-year-old alum and I think the Freudian implications are significant. I can hardly wait until the thing shows up at

BGSU!" John Dillon said.

Nathan Boyle thanked UT, saying, "As a BGSU fan, I thank you for giving us this gift. Like other BGSU fans, I will enjoy many hours of pleasure from this new mascot. I salute UT in living up to our highest expectations!"

As if beating UT wasn't easy enough, it will be even easier now. Their morale and school spirit are low, thanks to their new mascot.

If Freddie and Rocky were to

get into a fight, Freddie would easily win. The Rocket can barely walk in its restrictive costume.

This new mascot has upset the UT students, alumni and fans. We should be grateful that our mascots aren't that bad. As Denise Griffin, a UT freshman, points out, "What is [the mascot] supposed to be? I mean, if I came to a UT football game, I would not know what the \$@*!& that was. It looks homemade ugly."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizen glad to see support for peace march

I would like to take a moment to commend the editors of *The BG News* for the lead editorial that appeared on this page in the Friday, Oct. 25 edition. In that editorial the paper came out in support of the peace march that was planned by a local citizen's group for the next day.

As someone who has a very small role in that group, I must let you know that we were all heartened and delighted by the paper's support. Moreover, we were ecstatic to see that the op-ed piece went even further than simply endorsing the march and, in fact, articulated the paper's editorial position as being one that was clearly in opposition to the planned war with Iraq. The editorial also raised important cautions about the current presidential administration and their possible motives for military engagement with Iraq. The editorial board of *The BG News* should be celebrated for their brave stand, their wise words, and the provocative questions they raise, which include interrogation of our government's policy of "promote[ing] peace by letting bombs drop, killing innocent civilians."

In taking this stand the paper did a number of important things for both the community it serves and for its own reputation among that community. First and foremost, the editorial highlights important issues that have immediate and clear impact within the lives of its readers, and in so doing fulfills the central responsibility of any paper that seeks to serve a community. In taking this principled stand, the paper also highlights the vital importance of the freedoms that we are guaranteed by our nation's governing documents (freedoms which are increasingly under attack, as your sharp reference to the USA Patriot Act implies) during a time when, and within a climate in which, the idea of "American freedom" is increasingly conceptualized as

"us" having the freedom to tell "them" what to do, no matter who they are, simply because we conceive of ourselves as being the biggest, strongest, and best.

As Saturday's wonderful and impressive turnout to the peace march suggests, the editorial position that you courageously took in Friday's paper is, in fact, in line with a large percentage of local residents. Furthermore, the only way in which local residents will continue to develop any position at all on any issue is if the media that they do have access to grapples with the central issues of the day. And through grappling with those issues, *The BG News*, I would suggest, does nothing but raise the esteem in which its readers hold it.

DANIEL BOUDREAU
BOWLING GREEN CITIZEN

We have good reasons to attack Iraq

In the past few weeks I have sat back and watched as one after another so-called "anti-war" people expressed their views and repeating the same things over and over again and I have noticed one thing that has been missing. No one has really stood up to state the case for an attack on Iraq. Well, of course, unless you count President Bush, Prime Minister Blair, dozens of ranking U.S. Generals, the entire Intelligence community, and nearly all of the former UN weapons inspectors who were in Iraq over the course of the last decade. All that aside, it is a case that needs to be stated and needs to be understood because war is not something to step into lightly. I believe that the case alone is strong enough and that it will speak for itself if it is allowed to see the light of day.

First, Iraq is not ruled by the Iraqi civilians. It is unfortunately ruled by a select and ruthless party that is dominated by Saddam Hussein and his family.

Saddam Hussein took power in Iraq and maintains power by the might of his personal security forces. His personal role model is Joseph Stalin, who was the Soviet Union leader who ruthlessly executed millions of his own people at the first hint that they weren't 100 percent loyal to him and continuously sought to expand the reach of the mighty Soviet Army. Saddam has demonstrated his intention to follow in Stalin's footsteps by making Iraq a commanding presence in the Middle East which he could then use to exert a great deal of influence over his neighbors. To this end he has twice invaded his neighbors after gaining what he felt was "strategic advantage" over his opponents. Each time he was forced back, but only after a great loss of life to both his neighbors and the Iraqi people.

Second, Iraqi civilians are not dying because of UN endorsed economic sanctions; they are dying because of Saddam. Each year Saddam authorizes only a portion of the order of food stuff and medical supplies which is authorized by the United Nations. One must ask the question, why would any leader not buy all the food and medical supplies that his people need? Sadly, it is because Saddam is using that money to build multi-million dollar Presidential palaces and rebuilding his military, including the development of nuclear weapons.

So where does that leave the United States? The world knows that Saddam Hussein is urgently pursuing the development of nuclear weapons which would give Iraq a decided "strategic advantage" over every one of its neighbors and pose a direct threat to U.S. allies in the region. The question I have to ask is whether the United States would be willing to defend one of those neighbors from an Iraqi armed with nuclear weapons? We know what Saddam wants, and we know that he is developing the weapons that would allow him to blackmail the world. Do we let him do that?

JONATHAN WILLIAMSON
STUDENT

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your favorite song of all time?



BRYAN BAVENDER
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED
"Changes" by Tupac Shakur.



BRIAN UPHOLZ
SOPHOMORE
MIDDLE CHILDHOOD ED.
"Sweet Judy Blue Eyes" by Crosby, Stills and Nash.



EMILY KWAN
SOPHOMORE
CHILD & FAMILY
COMMUNITY SERVICES
"The Beatles' 'Hey Jude'."



AIKATERINI PARAGIOU
FRESHMAN
POLITICAL SCIENCE
"Lifehouse's, 'Somewhere in Between.'"

The reality of reality television programs

CURT HARRIS

Opinion Columnist

The trend of reality television is a trend that has gotten really old, really fast. Is our own real life so boring we have spy into other people's lives to give our own meaning?

The granddaddy of reality TV is the "Real World." This is supposed to be a reflection of real life, but I don't know anybody in the "real world" in the 18-24 age range who could afford to rent some of the posh digs the cast is set up with. Nevertheless, the cast over the course of a season accomplishes little more than having arguments over race and religion. I by no means discourage this, but it's gotten to the point where in America today, watching the "Real World" counts as diversity.

Studies have shown that the more television you watch, the more friends you are likely to think you have. That's a sad fact. Nobody on the "Real World" has ever met you, nor are they your friend. They are merely flickering light transmitted from across the country to warm your television.

I had plans once to sabotage "The Real World." When the MTV campus invasion tour came to the University they had try-outs for the "Real World" I was going to try out, if I made the show I was going to go the first few episodes normally, then refuse to wear pants until the end of the season. Just to mess with them. But before MTV had a chance to call me and invite me on the show, along came Richard Hatch, stealing my idea.

"Survivor" at least has a vague point. Let's make people miserable and see if it brings out the worst or the best in them. I did like the reality of seeing people dirty, smelly and gross, but then that became the shows gimmick. Look how gross we are, look how much backstabbing we can do. "Yippee! I ate a rat, lied to people and won a million dollars! Huzzah for me!"

"American Idol" encourages laughs and ratings at the cost of crushing the dreams of hundreds of hopefuls. Now I'll admit some of these people will never be a pop star, crushed dreams or not, but

there's a simple joy to singing in your bedroom, dreaming of making it big, even if you never pursue that dream. "American Idol" has crushed that fantasy for all but a handful that tried out. Perhaps even worse it's created Spam e-mails like "It's like 'American Idol' of porn!" Which I suppose makes more sense than "It's like the 'Big Brother' of porn" because the stripper would be voted out first.

"Big Brother" mildly appealed to me, even though it is just "The Real World" with the lock on the outside of the door. To be honest I'd let the clicker rest on the show between commercials, until Sept. 11. The real-time show test kept right on going despite the tragedy, people remained locked in the house. The rules changed a little bit, seeing no other course of action, the producers informed the houseguests of the events. But how realistic is it to continue to play this game when a family member of one of the players is lost in the rubble? I couldn't stomach the show after that. But I read that the player with the missing family member was next voted out, just out of sympathy, so she could be with her family. Actually, I did watch about five minutes of the next season, which was the peanut butter bikini thing, but it was just luck. I turned to the TV to that channel at the time. But again, no redeeming social value, no insights on life, no escape from reality the rest of television offers, no entertainment value beyond the T&A.

My hope is, someday, somewhere the following letter will show up:

Dear Producers of "Big Brother," "Survivor," "American Idol," "The Real World," etc.

We accept the fact that we had to sacrifice a whole season on this show for whatever it was we did wrong. But we think you're crazy for making us write an essay telling you who we think we are. You (and the viewers) see us, as you want to see us, in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess, a racist. Does that answer your question?

Sincerely yours,
The Reality Club

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This time, Hewitt earns MAC honors

The BG football team just keeps on garnering honors to go along with its wins.

This week, it's linebacker Mitch Hewitt's turn. Hewitt, a junior for the Falcons, was named the Mid-American Conference West Division's Player of the Week for his efforts during Saturday's 38-20 win over Ball State.

Hewitt made 12 tackles against a vaunted Cardinal rushing attack, a total which included two tackles for a loss.

Also garnering special mention was the Falcon offensive line and kicker Shaun Suisham. Suisham kicked a 25-yard field goal, and made three extra points in the win.

Rivals make the world go around

WILL CURITO

Sports reporter

Rivalries are a wonderful thing. I'm not sure if anyone saw Friday's NBA preseason game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Sacramento Kings. Not that I, or anyone else I know, watches much preseason NBA, or any basketball that begins after 10 p.m. in the east.

The matchup of the two teams that competed in last year's Western Conference Finals has quickly become one of the best rivalries in all of sports, let alone the NBA. Friday's scuffle between the Lakers' Rick Fox and the Kings' Doug Christie only added fuel to the fire.

This rivalry, though one of the NBA's best, isn't even five years old. Back then, the Lakers were a decent team in the middle of the Western Conference playoff picture. Meanwhile, the Kings were in the cellar, just as they had been for over a decade before. Then, everything changed. The Kings, under new ownership, picked up high profile free agents such as Chris Webber, Vlade Divac, and the aforementioned Doug Christie. They also saw the maturing of such youngsters as Peja Stojakovic, Mike Bibby, and Hidayet Turkoglu.

The Lakers, however, used the "Steinbrenner" method and picked up the best free agents money can buy such as Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant (draft day trade). After a few years, these two teams finally met in the conference finals, the stage that would showcase the newest — and possibly the best — rivalry that professional basketball has to offer.

Anyway, back to Friday night. It's not every day you see a scene this hostile in any sport other than European soccer, but it happened inside the Staples Center on Friday in front of a moderately sized crowd that expected nothing more than a quiet exhibition between the two of the league's best benches.

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Culp emerges as top Falcon

By Daniel Gedney
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green women's cross country team was looking for a spark this season — someone to step up and lead the team's drive toward the top of the Mid-American Conference. They did not have to go very far to find it.

The spark this season has been provided by junior Amber Culp. Culp has turned in the

fastest time for the Falcons in four consecutive meets and counting. Culp's breakthrough season comes as no surprise to Head Coach Cami Wells.

"I knew when I was recruiting Amber that she was something special. She has a great deal of natural ability and has really grown as an athlete in the past year. She has gotten stronger, more confident, and more aggressive," Wells said.

Culp's success on the course cannot be attributed to her physical abilities alone. She is also very tough mentally, according to Wells.

"Amber has always had the ability to get herself focused and ready for competition," Wells said.

Besides leading the way for the women's squad week in and week out, Culp also works hard for the team off the course. She

currently serves as the cross country representative on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

In addition to all the hard work she puts in for the team on and off the course, Culp is also known to provide the team with a mental lift. She does this by always being upbeat and holding her head high.

"What makes Amber so special is definitely her great person-

ality. I can't think of one time where I have seen Amber and she was not smiling or laughing. She has a great sense of humor and is very positive about everything," according to teammate and close friend Niki Suitor.

Culp was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduated from Pioneer High School in 2000. While attending Pioneer,

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Ben Swanger BG News

TO THE FINISH: A Falcon swimmer races for the finish line at a recent meet. BG beat Xavier this past weekend.

Swimmers win first dual

By Melanie Menz
SPORTS REPORTER

One down and ten to go. Bowling Green women's swim team defeated Xavier University Saturday 117-88. It was an exciting meet and Bowling Green pulled away with the victory, winning all of the events except for the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke. Head Coach Keri Buff is excited and happy that her team could pull out the win even though they were swimming tired.

"We swam well," said Buff. "I think the thing we are learning to do is perform well tired and swim well tired."

Xavier was heading into its meet against Bowling Green 2-0, previously defeating Eastern Illinois and Indiana University. Bowling Green was able to shut Xavier down and swim to a commanding lead where the last event the 400-yard freestyle relay would not effect the outcome of the meet.

BG is a young team this year, and many of their underclassmen stepped up and took events of their own. Dana Schultz won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:10.89 and Kara Ohngren won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:16.56.

The swimmers that really

made a huge impact on the meet were Kelley O'Hara and captains Sarah Agnew and Jessica Humes. Combined, they won five events. O'Hara won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.20 and swam the lead-off leg in the 400 medley relay.

"Kelley O'Hara did an awesome job," said Buff. "The more experience we get swimming in a dual meet, the better off we are going to be."

Agnew walked away with a victory in the 400-yard intermediate with a time of 4:42.37, and the 200-yard breaststroke with a 2:28.12. Humes won the 1,000-

yard freestyle, which is 40 laps of the pool in a time of 10:45.68 and was touched out by .02 to take second place next to Ohngren in the 500-yard freestyle with 5:16.58.

Overall, the team looked like they knew what they were doing early on and never looked behind them once during the whole meet. The fastest event of the day was the 50-yard freestyle, which Alissa Davis from BG won with a time of 25.42.

Next up, the Falcons swim Friday Nov. 1 in Toledo in a tri-meet with Toledo and Eastern Michigan.

Spikers topple Central, face UT

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

In so many things, timing is everything, and at some point and time during the 2002 campaign, the BG volleyball team's inconsistency has altered their timing. But, like past years, it seemed inevitable that the team would improve throughout the year.

And as far as Central Michigan is concerned, BG is back to peak form.

The Falcons defeated the Chippewas (9-15, 5-5) in three games Friday night, as BG captured their third two-game win streak on the season and pulled to within three games of the eighth and final spot for the Mid-American Conference Tournament, currently held by Northern Illinois.

"We received some added motivation going into the game, because we saw some comments by their coach saying how we would struggle against their style of play," Kristin Gamby said. "I guess we really showed them. The win has given us a lot of confidence, and we feel really good right now."

In the first set, BG had 14 kills, hit .265, and took advantage of 10 CMU errors on their way to a 30-22 win.

Committing five errors in the opening set appeared to be the Falcons' only problem, and if it was, then BG reached near perfection in the second set. They committed zero errors, and hit .633 to go along with 19 kills in a 30-21 victory.

BG closed out the match with a .244 hitting percent-

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Some moments are overlooked

By Erik Cassano
SPORTS REPORTER

(Editor's note: Sports reporters Erik Cassano and Andrew Clayman were so perturbed about Mastercard's moments, they decided to compile their own. Erik's are listed, and tomorrow, Andrew will enlighten us with his moments.)

Lists such as baseball's "Most Memorable Moments" are made to be disagreed with. And, boy, is that the truth. Any list that includes Ichiro and the 2001 World Series as the 30 greatest moments to be voted on, while making a token effort to acknowledge anything that happened before 1930, is a list that deserves to be heartily disagreed with. Is it

the fault of dead Ball-Era players that almost nobody is still alive to support them? You could ask a noted historian, but chances are they grew up in Cambridge, Mass., and are busy getting misty-eyed over Carlton Fisk's homer in the 1975 World Series (which the Red Sox lost, mind you).

The list (and the voting results, which named Cal Ripken's 2,131st consecutive game as baseball's single crowning moment) is a clear indication of just what kind of history sense the average American has toward their purported "pastime." Which is to say, not very good. That goes for the people who put the list together as well.

The breakdown of the moments eligible to be voted on per 20 years runs like this:

Before 1900: 0
1900-1920: 2
1920-1940: 6
1940-1960: 5
1960-1980: 5
1980-present: 12, including three from the 2001 season.

With that in mind, let's take a much-needed trip down memory lane. Here are some moments overlooked by the selection committee, moments lost because the photographs weren't downloaded from the Internet. Some are historic, some are just plain memorable.

Pittsburgh's Dock Ellis pitches

a no-hitter on LSD, 1970: Unbeknownst to him, Ellis was a late insert to start a game in San Diego. Where was he? In L.A., dropping acid with his girlfriend. He rushed to the airport, got to the park, and stymied the Padres despite not really knowing where he was. Who needs a sports psychologist?

First night game, 1935: President Franklin Roosevelt threw a switch in the White House illuminating Crosley Field in Cincinnati, and baseball was never the same again. Within twenty years, night baseball was a staple, and by the '70s it was the

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"It was amazing how good the competition was."

PENNY DEAN, TENNIS COACH

Tennis players compete at ITA

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS REPORTER

Playing against the best can sometimes bring out the best in a player.

Susie Schoenberger and Lisa Maloney both learned that lesson at the ITA Midwest Regional Tournament in East Lansing, Michigan. The two faced some of the toughest competition of their careers and came away with a positive

experience. As a pair, the duo split their matches losing to Notre Dame 8-5, then dealing Ohio State an 8-2 defeat.

The tournament was considered a success as Maloney and Schoenberger refused to back down from the stiff competition.

"It was amazing how good the competition was, the level

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Indians to name Wedge manager

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Eric Wedge will fit right in with the youthful Cleveland Indians. He's as young as most of them.

The Indians will make the 34-year-old Wedge the youngest manager in the majors, a team source told The Associated Press yesterday.

Wedge, who managed Cleveland's Triple-A team in Buffalo the past two seasons, will be introduced at a news conference Tuesday at Jacobs Field, said the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Indians spokesman Bart Swain confirmed there will be a 3:30 p.m. news conference, but wouldn't say why.

Wedge was chosen over Joel Skinner, the club's former third-base coach who managed the Indians for 76 games last season after Charlie Manuel was fired.

Despite being passed over, Skinner is considering a position on Wedge's staff, another team source said.

"I think it's a good fit," said Indians second baseman John McDonald, who played one season under Wedge in Buffalo. "I think he will help some of the younger players."

Wedge will be younger than two of his players: Ellis Burks (38) and Omar Vizquel (35). Pittsburgh's Lloyd McClendon, who is 43, had been the youngest manager in the majors.

Wedge is the second youngest manager in Indians' history. Hall of Famer Lou Boudreau was 25 when he became the club's player-manager in 1942.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Wedge, who will turn 35 on Jan. 27, will be the youngest manager to make his big league debut since Bobby Valentine in 1985.

Valentine had just turned 35 when he managed his first game with the Texas Rangers.

Wedge, Skinner and Fredi Gonzalez, who managed Atlanta's Triple-A Richmond affiliate, were the only candidates formally interviewed by Indians general manager Mark Shapiro.

The Indians, who began rebuilding midway through last season by trading away some high-priced veterans, had 19 rookies on their roster by the end of the season.

Wedge managed many of them in Buffalo on their way to joining the Indians.

"But the majors is totally different," McDonald said. "It's hard

to say how a minor league manager will do in the majors. There are so many more things that you have to deal with. It's all about winning.

"You can be a lousy manager, and if your players play good, then you're going to look good."

In two seasons, Wedge led the Bisons to a 178-108 record and was selected minor league manager of the year by The Sporting News this past season.

The Indians apparently believe that Wedge, who may be more dynamic and outgoing than

Skinner, was a better fit with their young roster.

"He's more intense," McDonald said of Wedge.

Skinner, 41, led the Indians to a 35-41 record, including a 15-13 mark in September, while dealing with injuries and having his roster constantly shuffled.

Skinner was also credited with helping the Indians deal with the death of Jimmy Warfield, the club's popular longtime trainer who died five days after Skinner took over for Manuel.

McDonald didn't hesitate when asked if would like to see Skinner stay.

"I hope so," McDonald said.



AP Photo

NEW SKIPPER: Eric Wedge, the new manager of the Cleveland Indians, is shown here last year as manager of the Buffalo Bisons, the Indians' AAA affiliate.

Culp leads tightly-knit group

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she lettered in the women's 5K race in three out of four years. Culp attributes much of her success in cross country to the encouragement she received from her coach at Pioneer, Bryan Westfield.

"My high school coach always believed in my running. He felt that I had talent and he would not let me pass it by. If it wasn't for him, I would not have continued running in high school," Culp said.

Bowling Green was a perfect choice of schools for Culp, who was seeking a change in scenery when she graduated high school.

"I wanted to get out of Michigan, but I did not want to be too far away from home," Culp said.

Whenever her schedule allows her to do so, Culp likes to go back

to Ann Arbor to visit her family, with whom she remains very close to.

Culp is here at Bowling Green pursuing a degree in Social Work. After graduation, she aspires to work with troubled teens in the area of mental health. By landing a job in this field, she hopes to give young adults a head start that she did not have growing up.

"I experienced a lot of things growing up, whether it was through my own trials or trials around me. I want young adolescents to know what I did not know which might help. I learned and other people learn the hard way and I feel that adolescents need to know right now. I just want to give back what I can," Culp said.

When not in competition or training, Culp lives the life of a typical college student, balancing school work with spending time with her friends, which is very

important to her. Many of her closest friends are her teammates, and she attends many team dinners and other team get-togethers. She is always able to find a way to lift the spirits of her fellow runners and friends.

"When I or one of the girls on the team is down about something, Amber is always there to cheer us up and also to put a smile on our faces," Sutor said. "Amber is not one of those friends who puts you off for their boyfriend or shopping. If I need her as soon as possible, she would do anything to be there to comfort me as much as she could," Sutor said.

Another unique personality trait that Culp possesses is originality. She is not one to follow the crowd.

"She does not care what other people think no matter if it's popular or not. As long as she likes it,

she's going to do it. She wants people to know her as someone who does not follow others but leads them," Sutor said.

Besides her high school coach, another person who has given inspiration to Culp is her mother, Shirelle.

"My mother showed me that even though you may not like something at times, or you think that it is hard, just stick with it and it will pay off in the end," Culp said.

This positive approach to life instilled in her by her mother should help her to make a positive impact in the lives of the adolescents she works with and also drive her in any future running career she may pursue after her days at BGSU. Wherever life takes her, Amber Culp will be lifting the spirits and putting smiles on the faces of everyone she encounters.

Rivalry makes good television

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Instead they saw Fox give Christie an elbow to the face, knocking him to the ground. After Christie got up, he received a shove to the face from Fox. Christie countered with an uppercut right into Fox's chin. Both players were promptly ejected from the game.

What I just described is bad enough, but that's not where it ends. As the two players headed for the tunnel that led to their respective locker rooms, the fun continued as Fox rushed towards the Kings' tunnel after Christie before being restrained by Shaquille O'Neal and what looked like the entire Lakers assistant coaching staff.

Such a shame. Shaq's best plaid '70s suit is probably going to have wrinkles in it.

I was shocked, yet amused at the same time. It goes to show how much hostility there is between these two teams. Like most people, I didn't see the melee until Sportscenter the next morning. What I have learned from this is that what may seem like a useless broadcast with the only purpose being profit for the network responsible, may turn out to be something more. Isn't America great? Anything can happen. Our parents watched Lee Harvey Oswald get shot live one Sunday morning. I may never turn off my television again!

Plenty of memorable moments left out; we include them

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norm. Now, most kids don't see the end of a World Series game until they're at least 10.

Babe Ruth hits 60 homers, 1923: Lost in the shuffle of Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds is possibly the most dominant offensive season by a player in history. Ruth signaled in the era of the home run hitter. Prior to 1923, nobody had even hit 30 in a season.

A.G. Spalding's world tour, 1888: In an effort to make the

game worldwide, the sporting goods magnate Albert G. Spalding took a team on a trip around the world. It failed to catch on anywhere else, but then again Taiwan hadn't yet discovered that 15-year-olds make good Little Leaguers.

Miracle Braves win World Series, 1914: Think the Angels are a miracle team? The 1914 Boston Braves were in last place on July 4th, then rallied to win the National League pennant, and sweep the heavily-favored Philadelphia Athletics in the

Series.

Tommy John gets ligament transplant surgery, 1974: Taking ligament pieces from the wrist and implanting it in a damaged elbow was groundbreaking when Dr. Frank Jobe did it to lefty Tommy John. Nearly 30 years later, countless careers have been saved by the procedure.

Birth of free agency, 1975: Pitchers Dave McNally and Andy Messersmith were a test case by the players' union to break the reserve clause that

had kept players bound to their teams until the teams no longer wanted them. When an arbitrator ruled in their favor, the clause died, players became commodities, agents became powerful figures, and all the power in the game shifted to those wearing the uniforms.

First official baseball game, 1856: Without the creative impetus of Alexander Joy Cartwright and the New York Knickerbockers baseball club, none of these other moments would have been possible.

Catcher sets Koufax straight, 1961: If not for the intervention of Norm Sherry, baseball might have been robbed of one of its greatest players. It was veteran catcher Sherry who quietly suggested to an erratic Sandy Koufax that he not try to throw so hard. The light bulb went on, and with newfound control Koufax was as dominant as any pitcher in history for the next five years.

The arrival of AstroTurf, 1965: The Astros found out quickly that grass wouldn't grow in their

new indoor home, the Astrodome. An alternative had to be found. The result? Baseball on a pool table.

Yankees win first pennant, 1921: A watershed moment. Prior to 1921, the Red Sox were the class of baseball, winning five of the first 15 World Series played. Since then, the Yankees have owned the game, capturing 38 pennants and 26 championships. The Red Sox, meanwhile, have become the standard-bearers of rotten luck.

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With bladder infection, Wagner out to start year

The Cavs' rookie point guard will begin this season on the injured reserve with a bladder infection.

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers rookie guard Dajuan Wagner will begin the season on the injured list after being hospitalized for nearly two weeks with a bladder infection.

Wagner, taken with the No. 6 overall pick in this year's draft, will miss the first five games this season. He won't be eligible to be activated until Nov. 8 when Cleveland is at Philadelphia.

The 19-year-old Wagner had been in the Cleveland Clinic since Oct. 14 when he was admitted with stomach pains. Doctors diagnosed a bladder infection, but while doing tests they found a blood clot in the tube connecting Wagner's left kidney and bladder.

Wagner had the clot removed last week in surgery last week.

Cavs spokesman Ed Markey said Wagner was released from the clinic yesterday. He will begin a reconditioning program on Tuesday and will return to the hospital for a follow-up on Wednesday, Markey said.

Wagner didn't play during the preseason. The club is counting on him to be a major contributor this season.

The 6-foot-2 Wagner averaged 21.2 points per game in his one college season at Memphis.

Wagner's absence means the Cavs will be without their coach, starting center and top rookie for the season opener Tuesday night at Sacramento.

Coach John Lucas has to sit out the season's first two games after being suspended by the NBA for allowing high school superstar LeBron James to participate in a voluntary workout in May.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas must sit out the opener following his arrest on drunken driving charges.

On a brighter note, the Cavs exercised the team's fourth-year

option on center/forward Chris Mihm.

The 7-foot Mihm is entering his third season with the Cavs, who took him with the No. 7 overall pick in the 2000 draft. He averaged 7.7 points and 5.3 rebounds in 74 games last season.

"We're happy to have extended Chris' contract," said Cavs general manager Jim Paxson. "Chris is part of the core group of young players that we believe will develop together."

Mihm, too, is currently injured. He strained his left hamstring during a preseason practice and will probably not be ready to play for two more weeks.

Dean excited about play

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of women's tennis has really improved over the past three or four years," coach Penny Dean said.

With the talented competition, it would be easy for Maloney and Schoenberger to be overwhelmed, but the pair was not scared when faced with adversity.

"We played very well against Notre Dame and had a chance to win," Dean said. "Against Ohio State, we were fired up and it showed."

"I thought Susie and I played well together and that we should've beaten Notre Dame," Maloney said. "Beating Ohio State brought our confidence level up."

Maloney, though, struggled through her singles matches,

falling 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 to Western Michigan's Malena Remyne and 6-3, 6-4 to Wisconsin's Teri Gonzaga.

Maloney felt disappointed with herself after her rough weekend.

"I definitely wanted to win more," Maloney said. "I'm upset that I went that far and didn't show what I could do."

Schoenberger, on the other hand, came away even on the weekend. She downed Drake's Melinda Fenimore 6-1, 6-1 in her first match before falling to Michigan's Debra Streifler 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

"Susie had a great tournament and made a big stride forward in her game," Dean said. "Even though she lost, she was in position to win her second match."

Volleyball team still hopes for a MAC tournament berth

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age, another 14-kill effort and another 10-error performance by the Chippewas in falling, 30-21.

"We played really well in that first match," head coach Denise Van De Walle said. "In the second and third sets, we just took our game to a another level. I think we could have beaten any team with the way we played that night against Central Michigan."

Entering the match with questions surrounding certain areas, the Falcons seemingly put them to rest, for at least one match.

BG was ninth in the conference in hitting percentage with a .195 average per-game when they traveled to Mt. Pleasant, but the Falcons hit an average of .358 in

the sweep.

Perhaps, the most significant improvement was BG's defense. The Falcons' performance was a far cry from the team that was last in the MAC for opponents hitting percentage allowed, giving up .243 a contest.

BG held Central Michigan to a .106 hitting percentage and capitalized off of a combined 26 forced and unforced errors by the Chippewas.

"It wasn't so much a strategy that we took into this match, it was just the way we played," Van De Walle said. "Offensively, this was the best we have played all season. Amber (Mareski) was getting our hitters the ball in the right spots. Our defense was great and we were really focusing on

improving in those defensive categories, and we just came out and executed. I have to give my hats off to Central, because they lost their middle hitter Liz Passen in the first set and replaced her with someone who was not use to starting. So that had to be really difficult for them."

Those strides made were a testament to the total effort put forth by the Falcons, as well as a result of some great individual play.

Gamby led BG with 15 kills on 30 attempts, which gave her a .400 hitting percentage after she came in hitting .255. She also joined the 900-career kill club with her outing, finishing the match with 905 total kills, which places her 11th in school history.

"I didn't even know how many

kills I had," Gamby said. "We have eight games left and I want to get 95 more before the season ends. That's really important to me."

BG received nine kills and a game-high 14 defensive digs from Susie Norris, and seven kills, five blocks and a career-high 13 digs from Bridget Protas. Mareski paced the Falcons by providing 34 set assists.

Laura Twyman also reached a milestone in producing eight kills and two blocks at the net, which were the 200th of her career.

"It was a total team effort," Twyman said. There were some individual achievements, but when you look at the stats no one really stood out. This was a total team effort."

The Falcons (7-15, 2-8) know

they are in the process of restoring their reputation as one of the top teams in the conference, and regaining their respect. Even more so, BG knows it's more about the work as opposed to the progress right now.

However, the two go hand-in-hand and the Falcons acknowledged the fact that if they stay focused then everything else will take care of itself.

"We're not really thinking about the tournament," Gamby said. "We took our focus off of winning, and now we're concentrating more on improving with every match. That mindset has really helped us."

"Of course we would like to make the tournament. We haven't missed one since I've

been here," Twyman said. "We're really confident right now, and we're just to focus on getting better and we know that things will fall into place if we keep working hard."

BG returns to action Wednesday when they travel to Savage Hall to take on Toledo for their second meeting of the season. The game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start. Afterwards, the Falcons will return to Anderson Arena Friday night to face the Eastern Michigan Eagles.

"I'm really interested to see how the rest of the season goes, because I think we can be the Cinderellas," Van De Walle said. "We're just going to take it one match at a time, and see what happens."

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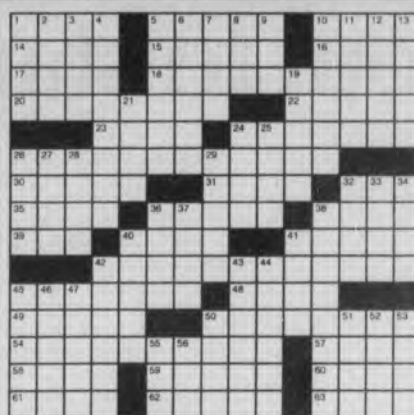
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